



LAKE CARRIERS' ASSOCIATION



Lakes Limestone Trade Down in September

CLEVELAND — Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 3.3 million tons in September, a decrease of 11.5 percent compared to 2024. Limestone cargos were also below the month's 5-year average by 6 percent.

Loadings from U.S. quarries decreased 13.5 percent from last year to 2.7 million tons. Shipments from Canadian quarries totaled 663,144 tons, a decrease of 2.3 percent.

Year-to-date, the limestone trade stands at 19.6 million tons, a decrease of 5.8 percent compared to 2024. Loadings from Michigan and Ohio quarries decreased 4.2 percent to 16 million tons; while shipments from Ontario quarries decreased by 12.3 percent to 3.6 million tons.

GREAT LAKES LIMESTONE TRADE: SEPTEMBER 2020-2025 AND LONG-TERM AVERAGE **(NET TONS)**

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Average 2020-2024
U.S. Ports	2,693,111	3,022,989	2,859,853	2,791,942	3,088,692	2,670,502	2,891,317
Canadian Ports	631,840	684,234	675,023	651,520	678,580	663,144	664,239
Total	3,324,951	3,671,223	3,534,876	3,443,462	3,767,272	3,333,646	3,548,357

YEAR-TO-DATE 2020-2025 AND LONG-TERM AVERAGE **(NET TONS)**

	2020	2021	2022	2023*	2024	2025	Average 2020-2024
U.S. Ports	15,383,253	16,531,770	16,669,959	16,409,008	16,737,173	16,027,191	16,346,233
Canadian Ports	3,944,368	4,554,653	4,401,647	4,051,468	4,085,840	3,582,027	4,207,595
Total	19,327,621	21,086,423	21,071,606	20,460,476	20,823,013	19,609,218	20,553,828

*Revised 7/11/24

U.S. ports: Calcite, MI; Cedarville, MI; Drummond Island, MI; Marblehead, OH; Port Inland, MI; and Presque Isle, MI.
Canadian ports: Bruce Mines, Manitoulin Island, Port Colborne (from August 2017 on), and Smelter Bay (all Ontario).

About Lake Carriers' Association

Since 1880, Lake Carriers' has represented the U.S.-flag Great Lakes fleet, which today can move more than 90 million tons of cargos annually that are the foundation of American industry, infrastructure, and power: iron ore, stone, coal, cement, and other dry bulk materials such as grain, salt, and sand. More information is available at www.lcaships.com.

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